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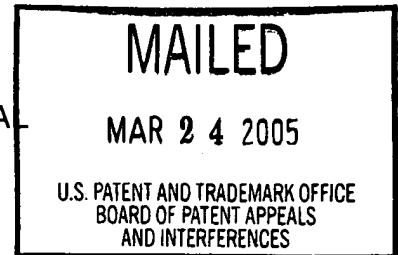
**BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES**

Ex parte GREGORY J. HINKLE, JINGDONG LIU, and LINDA T. PARKER

Appeal No. 2005-0837
Application No. 09/938,294

REQUEST FOR SUSPENSION OF APPEAL

Before HARKCOM, Acting Chief Administrative Patent Judge.



The Board is in receipt of appellants' request to suspend the appeal in this case pending the decision in In re Fisher, (Application No. 09/619,643, BPAI Appeal No. 2002-2046), pending before the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. In considering the matter, it appears that a decision in the Fisher case will aid in the resolution of the issues pending in this appeal. Accordingly, the request is granted to the extent that the Board will postpone consideration of the appeal in this case pending a decision in In re Fisher. See, MPEP § 1213, at 1200-31 (8th ed., Rev. 2, May 2004).

So ordered.

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